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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 10th-November, through Sunday, 17th-November there were 236 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE0Y, CE0Z, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FS, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH8, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T33, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, Z8, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS, ZS8

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3D2/R, ROTUMA (Reminder)

Operators Hrane/YT1AD, David/WD5COV, Wasiliy/ RW4NW, Sergey/ RZ3FW and Dragos/YU1AKV will be active as 3D2R between November 22-29th. QSL via YT1AD. The team will be active in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-Single or Multi-2 with the 3D2R callsign.

ADDED NOTE: The team above will be active from Fiji (3D2) before and after the 3D2R operation. Activity will take place between November 20-22th and November 29-December 4th. Operators will have their own personal Fiji callsign: YT1AD (3D2AD), WD5COV (3D2OV), RZ3FW (3D2FW) and RW4NW (3D2NW); QSL via their home callsigns.

3DA, SWAZILAND (Press Release) [edited]

"The 3DA0ET Dxpeditio is due to get under-way late on the 16th November or on the 17th November, depend- ing on if we have time to get any of the antennas up on the first day. As a new feature, we have installed a 'Dxpeditio Hot-line' phone number which connects to our pilot. The number is listed on our Web site at:

<http://www.swazidx.org>

The purpose of this hot-line is primarily for sending SMS messages about any copy on our new six meter beacon which will be running 24/7 on 50.450 MHz FM (primarily for Es as part of the Southern Africa Es beacon initi- ative), and for sending us any reports re RX of our low-band activities.

Details about how we will handle any six meter openings are also on our Web site. The first of our team members arrives in South Africa on the 12th November, with the rest of the team assembling in ZS-land prior to departing for 3DA0ET by the morning of the 16th November. A reminder that we'll have a strong focus on RTTY with a 24/7 RTTY operation alongside our CW and SSB activity. We are also QRV in the CQ WW CW contest as an M2 effort. We're running 5 stations with 4 hexbeams, 3 mono-band verticals for 40, 80 and 160, dedicated low band RX antennas and a selection of dipoles. We hope to see you in the pile-ups!
..... Vy 73, Roger, ZS6RJ, on behalf of the 3DA0ET crew"

4L, GEORGIA

Operators Maxim/UR3CMA, Sergey/UT3UA, Andy/UU4JMG and Andi/ UU0JM will be active as 4L0A from Obcha during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via LoTW.

4S, SIR LANKA

Peter, DC0KK, will once again be active as 4S7KKG from Moragalla, **Sri Lanka (AS-003**, WLOTA 0762), between November 17th and April 15th, 2014. Activity will be mainly on CW and the Digital modes. QSL via DC0KK, by the Bureau (preferred) or direct (see QRZ.com). LoTW on request. All QSLs for all QSOs will be sent via the QSL Bureau.

5B, CYPRUS

Tony, RT9T, will once again be active as 5B4ALB from **Pachyammos (AS-004**, MIA MCI-002, WLOTA 0051) between November 17-26th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via RT9T direct only. **ADDED NOTE:** Tony will be one of operators in the P3N team (Multi-Single) during the CQWW DX CW Contest.

5C, MOROCCO

Members of the URE Cartagena team will be active from the ARRAME HQ club station CN8MC in Rabat as 5C5T during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via EA5YU, by the Spanish Bureau or direct. Operators mentioned are: Juan/EA5BLJ, Jose/EA5CP and Jose/EA5YU. The operators will be there between November 21-24th, and plan to be active outside of the contest on 80-10 meters using 100 watts, CW only.

5J0R QRT. Antonio, EA5RM, reports to OPDX [edited]: "After our return to home, the 5J0R Web site is being updated with pictures from the San Andres operation and new donors and sponsors. The OQRS is already working. Bureau QSL should be requested through the Bureau OQRS when available on our Web site. Thank you to all who did help us to reach our aim....

73! EA5RM" **5R, MADAGASCAR (Reminder/Update)**

By the time you read this, Eric, F6ICX, will once again be active as 5R8IC from **Saint Marie Island (AF-090)** until December 15th. Activity will be holiday style operating CW, RTTY, and PSK63, and using a FT450 with 100 watts into various GPs or Inverted-Ls and a Hexbeam for 20-10 meters. There will be no online log 'during' his activity. QSL via his home callsign (**QRZ.com**). To see pictures of his previous activity and an online log search from ClubLog, go to:

http://f6kbk.free.fr/activities/activite_om_rc/5r8ic/5r8ic.htm

8P, BARBADOS

Tom, W2SC, will be active as 8P5A during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct to NN1N.

9J, ZAMBIA

Niko, S53A, will once again be active as 9J3A from the Kafue National Park (WFF-9JFF-003, WWL KH35) between November 18-26th (approx). This is his sixth operation from Zambia. Activity will be mostly during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power/Unassisted entry. His QSL Manager informs OPDX that Niko will also be active as 9J3A/m, before and maybe little after the contest, from the Land Rover (out just for the fun) with a small whip antenna and 5 watts. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (no 160m). QSL via S57S (not S53A, not S57A), direct, by the Bureau (a very long wait, see details on QRZ.com) or LoTW.

AH2, GUAM

Members of the Guam Contest Club will be active as AH2R during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-Single entry. Operators mentioned are: Noriyuki/7N2JZT (NH2KO), Nozomu/JE8KKX (AH2K), Hajime/KH0G, Toshinobu/JI3ERV (NH2C), Toshimasa/WI3O. QSL via LoTW or direct to JH7QXJ. **PLEASE DO NOT QSL** via the KH2 Bureau.

CARIBBEAN ACTIVITIES

Dave, WJ2O, has announced that he has booked three trips to the Caribbean over the next several months and plans to be active from the following:

November 20-29th: Saint Martin (FS);

IOTA **NA-105**; Callsign FS/WJ2O; Low Power and whip antennas; 40-10 meters, CW only; and he will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry.

February 12-19th: Cayman Island (ZF); IOTA **NA-016**; Callsign pending; Low Power vertical and wires; 160-10 meters, CW only; and he will be in the ARRL International CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band entry.

May 21-28th: Bonaire (PJ4); IOTA **SA-006**; Callsign pending; from the PJ4G Contest Station; and he will be in the CQ WPX CW Contest (May 24-25th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/ High-Power entry.

His QSL Manager is Ken, N2ZN, for all operations. For more details and updates, visit Dave's Web page at:

<http://www.WJ2O.com>

CR3, MADEIRA ISLANDS

Jose, CT1BOH, will be using the special callsign CR3E during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band entry. All QSOs will be uploaded into LoTW. QSL Manager, Joe, W3HNC. See his Web page and station at:

<http://www.qsl.net/ct1boh>

CT9, MADEIRA ISLAND

Vadim, R9DX, will be active as CT9/R9DX during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m)/ Low-Power entry. QSL via R9DX.

DB50, GERMANY (Special Event)

Look for special event station DB50FIRAC to be active between January 1st and December 31st, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of "Fédération Internationale des RadioAmateurs Cheminots". QSL via LoTW, by the Bureau or eQSL.

DXCC NEWS

* Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL Awards Branch Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit:

K9W – Wake Island; 2013 Operation

* **WHY 5A1AL IS BEING REJECTED FOR DXCC?** Sharon Taratula, Administrative Manager, states:

"The DXCC Department hasn't received complete documentation for the 5A1AL operation. DXCC operations require the license of the operation, evidence of authorization for landing, and/or proof of transportation and/or entry. A landing permit is generally issued by a government agency, and grants the person or group permission to enter certain areas for purposes including the operation of an Amateur Radio station. Proof of transportation and/or entry may be a statement by a boat captain or aircraft pilot, certifying that the persons involved were transported to the entity in question."

E5, SOUTH COOK ISLANDS

Perrin, VK3XPT, is on holidays from the Cook Islands until November 23rd. Look for him to be active as E51XPT using his my FT-817, Alexloop Walkham, Miracle Whip and LNR EFT EndFedz for 40/20/10 meters. He will be staying on **Rarotonga (OC-013), Aitutaki (OC-083) and Atiu Islands (OC-083)**. He states, "Keep an ear open for me on the usual QRP frequencies! (PS. I am not doing IOTA)." QSL via his home callsign.

EG5, SPAIN (Special Event)

Operators Jose/EA5FL, Sal/EA5DY, Nando/EA5GVZ and Juan/EC5JC will activate special event station EG5MM on December 11th to celebrate "International Mountain Day" (See QRZ.com for details). QSL via EA5FL.

FIELD DAY RESULTS (2013) ARE POSTED

The 2013 ARRL Field Day Results are now posted at:

http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=47575

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY

By the time you read this, Georg, DK7LX, should be active as FJ/DK7LX from **St. Barthelemy (NA-146)** until the beginning of December. Activity will be holiday style and mainly on CW, with some RTTY (no SSB). He will not participate in the CQWW DX CW Contest. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Operator Didier, FY5FY, will be active during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (15m)/Low-Power entry. QSL via FY5FY.

FY, FRENCH GUIANA

Larry, F6FVY, will be active as FY5KE during the CQ WW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. QSL via FY5KE, by the Bureau, direct or LoTW.

HI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Members of the Lomadeltoro Contest Team will be active as HI3A in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-Op entry. Operators mentioned are Julio/AD4Z, Ez/HI3EPR, Lorenzo/HI3LFE and Franky/HI3TT. QSL via ON4IQ or Lotw. Visit the Lomadeltoro Contest Team's Web page at:

<http://www.lomadeltoro.com>

IOTA NEWS

AF-019. (Early Announcement) An international team of operators will be active as IG9Y from **Lampedusa Island** during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 26-27th) as a Multi-Op entry. Look for more details to be forthcoming. QSL via ON4LG. An OQRS will be available for direct and Bureau cards. Visit their Web page at:

<http://ig9.i9p.com>

EU-012. Stewart, GM4AFF, will be active as GZ3F from the **Shetland Islands** during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via GM4FDM.

OC-108. (Reminder) By the time you read this, 9 operators will be active as YE5R from **Anambas Island** until November 20th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via YB4IR.

SA-027. Jose, PU5IKE, will be active as ZW5AAA from **Remedios Island** (ARLHS BRA-137) between December 7-8th. Activity will be on 10 meters SSB. QSL via PU5IKE, via LoTW, direct (sase), eQSL or Bureau (QSLs from SWLs are welcome).

J6, ST. LUCIA (Press Release: 5th St. Lucia Buddies in the Caribbean Suitcase DXpedition) [edited]:

"Travel plans are set for the fifth 'Buddies in the Caribbean' (BIC) mini-DXpedition to St Lucia (J6). Eight operators, some of whom have never experienced the 'other side' of a pileup, will be operating from Chateau Devaux on the NE side of St. Lucia from December 1st through 9th, 2013. This 'Suitcase DXpedition' will operate QRP to 100-watt radio stations using backpackable Buddipole antennas to make contacts from the villa, the surrounding mountains, and (of course) from St. Lucia's superb beaches.

The eight operators are Jerry/N9AW, Craig/NM4T, John/W5EXJ, Joe/K3JDB, Rick/AA4W, Jim/W4QO, Chris/W6HFP, and Budd/W3FF (J68FF). Ops will preface their own calls with 'J6/'. Team members will operate several CW, SSB, and/or Digital Mode stations on 160-10 meters from the villa while others make contacts with portable set-ups from other J6 locations. Per tradition, meeting and operating with local hams while on J6 is one of our key goals. QSO confirmation and QSLs will be available via LoTW, Bureau or direct via information on each operator's QRZ.com page."

J8, ST. VINCENT (Update)

A team of Polish operators will be active as J88HL from **St. Vincent Island (NA-025)** between November 15th and December 2nd. Operators mentioned are Bob/SP2EBG, Jan/SP3CYY, Jurek/SP3GEM, Wlodek/ SP6EQZ, Janusz/SP6IXF, Roman/SP9FOW and Wojciech/SP9PT. Activity will be on 160-6 meters with a focus on the lower bands, and using CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have at least three stations running 24 hours a day. Each one with a power amplifier. Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1822.5, 3525, 7025, 10115, 14025, 18085, 21025, 24900, 28025 kHz

SSB - 1840, 3793, 7070/7165, 14265, 18125, 21273, 24970 and 28440 kHz

RTTY - 3585, 7045, 10138, 14090, 18101, 21090, 24915 and 28090 kHz

6m - 50105/CW and 50105/SSB

There will not be a team effort during the CQWW DX CW Contest, but possibly one operator will take part in the contest as a Single-Op/ All-Band entry while the others operate outside the contest on the WARC bands or SSB and digital modes. QSL via SP3CYY, direct or by the Bureau. Using the OQRS is strongly recommended. For more details and updates, visit their

Web Page at:

<http://j88hl.dxing.pl>

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA (Reminder)

Operators John/9M6XRO, Masa/JH3PRR, Kip/W6SZN, Aki/ZL1GO and Jacky/ZL3CW, are now active from the Turtle and Shark Lodge, Village of Vaitogi, on the south-east coast of Tutuila Island (OC-045, USI AS007S, WLOTA 4385) and using the special event callsign W8A between now and November 26th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Suggested frequencies are available online at:

<http://www.n8a.eu/frequencies>

Their operations will also include the CQWW DX CW Contest signing N8A as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via ZL3CW. For more details and updates, watch the N8A Web page at:

<http://www.n8a.eu>

Also, watch their FaceBook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/N8a2013AmericanDXpedition>

KH9, WAKE ISLAND

The "K9W Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition" is now QRT as of November 15th. Via their Web page:

"The K9W DXpedition to Wake Atoll has now ended. All equipment has been taken off-line and prepared for shipment to the U.S. Final upload to ClubLog will take place within the next 24-48 hours. The K9W team wishes to thank the DXpedition community for their tremendous support. We put over 100,000 QSOs in the log from 186 discrete DXCC entities. The K9W operators are grateful for the opportunity to have honored the Forgotten 98 during our DXpedition. More photos and video footage will be posted to the website very soon.....
73 from Wake Atoll."

The log is posted on their Web page below and on the ClubLog Web page at:

<https://secure.clublog.org/charts/?c=K9W>

The log shows as of 0725z, November 15th, that they have worked a total of 100015 QSOs and 23121 Unique Callsigns. Breakdown is 53757/CW, 38695/SSB and 7563/RTTY. Breakdown by Continent is 602/AF, 6/AN, 32311/AS, 26860/EU, 35314/NA, 3134/OC and 1788/SA.

An OQRS will be available by ClubLog (Highly Recommended). This is the preferred method to use for your QSL confirmation. After the DXpedition ends you can order either a direct or Bureau QSL card using the OQRS online QSL service provided by ClubLog. For sending direct QSL requests, the mailing address is: Wake Island DXpedition, P.O. Box 5005, Lake Wylie, SC 29710 USA (See detail on their Web page). QSLing by the Bureau is via AA4NN. Logs will be posted on LoTW 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. NO eQSL. For more details and updates, visit the K9W Web page at:

<http://www.wake2013.org>

LX, LUXEMBOURG

A team of operators will be active as LX7I during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LX2A. Operators mentioned are Mike/DF3VM, Frank/PA4N, Daniel/DL5SE, Rene/DL2JRM, Aurelio/PC5A, Ron/DL3BPC, Wolf/OE2VEL and Oliver/OE5OHO. Also, visit the following Web page at:

<http://www.lx2a.com>

OC, PERU

Operators Bud/N7CW, Jim/K6ZH and Jack/OA4TT will be active as OC4CW during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th). All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW on their return to the USA or sooner. Direct or Bureau cards should be available via an OQRS. Look for more QSL information to follow on QRZ.com. Outside the contest, Bud will be active as OA4/N7CW from approximately November 16-21st. See QSL info on QRZ.com.

OD, LEBANON

Sylvain, F5TLN, who has been active as OD5/F5TLN since September, will be there until April 2014. Activity has been mainly on 15 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign direct only. Visit his Web page at:

<http://f5tln.voila.net>

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (November 118-24th)

Nov/18th AN	Nov/21st AN	Nov/23rd AN
Nov/19th AN	Nov/22nd AN	Nov/24th AN
Nov/20th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

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NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
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AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRD - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

QSL INFO AND NEWS

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (November 17th)

5H3CJ via SM6CPY	KH8/WD5COV via WD5COV	SX101JG via eQSL only
5K1C via EA3DUF	LZ0M via LZ2SX (L/e)	T33FL via AA4FL
A92IO via EI3IO (B/d)	LZ8E via LZ2BE	T33KV via DL6KVA
A93LT via IZ8CLM	LZ9R via LZ3YY	T33PT via PY2PT
CM2CCA via EA7TV	OH8WW via OH8GDU (d/L)	TA4/DL9USA via DL9USA
CO0SS via EA5GL	OL4W via OK1IF	TA4/KP2I via DL9USA
EA8/DL2DXA via DL2DXA	OP7V via ON7VA	TC301B via TA1HZ
EG1MOU via EA1URO	PJ2/DL2EVB via DL2EVB	VP8DNY via M1AYI (B)
EM70U via UT7UU	PJ6/N7QT via N7QT	W8A via ZL3CW (d)
FJ/DK7LX via DK7LX	PY0FF via W9VA	XF1P via XE2HUQ
GB1T via M0DOL	RP3Z via RN3Z	XZ1J via JH1AJT

J87GU via DL7VOG	S21ZBC via IK2VUC	YB8V via YB9BU
J88HL via SP3CYY	S5300TP via S59DAP	YE5R via YB4IR
K5C via WB5UDA	S79WDX via I0WDX	Z81X via OH0XX
KH8/N7AFW via RZ3FW	SN21RN via SP3PGR	ZV7O via PY7JN
KH8/N9YU via YT1AD	SN640OKA via SP5KVV	

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (L) LoTW only

J73A QSL MANAGER UPDATE. George, K5KG, reports: "We have a last minute volunteer to handle the direct cards for J73A. It is Steve, KU9C."

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 7P8US, 9Q5MO, A61BK, DM5TI, DP0I, EA3EZD, EI3GC, ES9C, G0WRE, G7VJR, HG7T, HV0A, I8QJU, IO5O, IT9PQJ, J3/WX7E, KG4WV, KL7RA, KM4DR, KP2/K3CT, M0BJL, MM0AMW, NL7G, OE2E, OK1SL, OP4A, PA3DZM, PA8F, PI4DX, PY2CX, RG9A, V47JA, VK3TDX, VU2NXM and XV2JJ

QSLs RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 3B8DB, 3D2MP, 5Z4/EA4ATI, CE2MVF, CN2XN, DF7EF, DL6MHG, G100RSGB, GW100RSGB, HA0NAR, OY/DL3UB, OY9R, PJ6A, T48K and V63PR

QSLs RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

R0, RUSSIA (NEW REGION TO BE ACTIVATED)

Operators Vasily/RA1ZZ, Aleksandr/ RA3AV, Natalia/R9OOO and Yuri/UA9KW will activate the last new Russian region for the Russian's District Award Program (RDA: YA-38 and very rare GRID LOC: PP57et) as homecall/0 between November 26th and December 3rd. The QTH is Batagay-Alyta, village in the north part of the republic of Sakha, Yakutia. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via the Bureau. For more details, see:

<http://ya38.org/en>

S2, BANGLADESH

By the time you read this, members of the Mediterraneo DX Club should be active as S21ZBC between November 16-22nd. Activity will be 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to have 6 stations on the air. The team plans to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as S21ZBB and as a Multi-2 entry. QSL Manager is Giuliano, IK2VUC; direct, by the Bureau or use the OQRS. LoTW files will be uploaded by the end of May 2014. For more info, see:

<http://www.mdxc.org/bangladesh2013>

S9, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

Operators Giovanni/IK5BCM, Giuseppe/IK5CBE and Giovanni/IK5CRH will be active as S9TF from **Principe Island (AF-044)** between February 1-13th (2014). Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via IK5CRH.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI (Update)

Members of the Russian Robinson Club are expected to be active as T32RC between December 4-11th. Tim, NL8F (T32TM), who will be there before the T32RC crew arrives, informs OPDX on Saturday [edited]:

"Hi Guys.... Well T32TM is ready to depart. All radios, amps, antennas and trinkets are packed and ready for things to start. I leave Dutch Harbor, Alaska, in the morning Sunday at 10am local time heading to Seattle to take part in the North Pacific Fishing Trade show, and then depart to Honolulu on Sunday, the 23rd, spend a day or two catching up with some of the KH6 guys before departing on the 26th to Kiramati. I will then set up the radio equipment, and then it is on from the Captain Cook Hotel. Band conditions are great so will be operating the high bands during the day light and low bands at night. The rest of the crew T32RC are also almost packed up, and we have some very good antennas for the low bands with us, especially for the 160m contest and the rest of the time. Remember, this is not a huge DXpedition and any small amount of donation to the Web site will be very much appreciated to help with the excess baggage costs of the antennas and radios. Thanks in advance.

.....T32TM and T32RC crew Tim NL8F"

T33, BANABA ISLAND (Update)

The T33A DXpedition to **Banaba Island (OC-018)** should be QRT by the time you read this (November 18th). The team has had problems all week trying upload their logs. They mentioned on November 16th that they will "attempt to upload the final files to Clublog on Monday before pushing off for Tarawa... but the Internet connection is very questionable at any time. If it fails we'll get it done in Tarawa hoping their Internet connections are better."

The OQRS by ClubLog is available and will be the preferred method to use for your QSL confirmation. Logs will be posted to Logbook Of The World (LoTW) approximately 6 months after the conclusion of the DXpedition. Direct QSLs are via W2IJ. QSLs will also be available direct by the Bureau. The log shows (as of print time) as of 0917z, November 14th, that they have worked a total of 67967 QSOs and 19309 Unique Callsigns.

Breakdown is 43200/CW, 20259/SSB and 4508/RTTY. Breakdown by Continent is 353/AF, 3/AN, 22865/AS, 14196/EU, 25661/NA, 3287/OC and 1602/SA. For more details, visit the T33A Web page at:

<http://www.t33a.com/index.htm>

The T33A DXpedition's Blog page is at:

<http://banaba2013.wordpress.com>

TF, ICELAND

Elmar, PD3EM, is now active as TF/PD3EM as he travels across the Southern part of Iceland until November 26th. He is using a Yaesu FT-450D into a HyEndFed (10-20-40m) on a Spiderbeam fiberglass mast. QSL via his home callsign. Visit his Web page at:

<http://www.pd3em.com>

THE BIG PICTURE (Of Expedition Operating ...)

With the unspeakable behavior by amateur radio operators over the last fews weeks trying to work the many DXpeditions on the air, Rick, K6VVA, (aka The Locust), well known IOTA DXer, has put together an interesting video. He writes to OPDX about the video, "The BIG PICTURE Of Expedition Operating And The Direct Relationship To Anti-Social Pileup

Behavior' describes the problems and also solutions to the dysfunctional behavior we unfortunately hear in DX and IOTA Pileups on the Amateur Radio bands these days." The 45 minute video can be viewed at:

<http://youtu.be/svLlfrFA-1E>

TM1, FRANCE

Members of the KOP team (The Provins ARC/F6KOP) will enter the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as TM1A in a Multi/Multi effort. Operators mentioned are Kenneth/OZ1IKY, Laurent/F5PBM, Francis/F5QF, Antoine/F5RAB, Mat/F5PED, Xavier/F5NTZ, Serge/F6DZS, Stephane/F5UOW, Bruno/F5AGB, Bernard/F9IE, Tony/F8ATS, Bernard/F5LPY, Maurice/F5IYU and Maurice/F5NQL. QSL via F6KOP, French Ref Union Bureau only.

TO4, MARTINIQUE

Rich, M5RIC, will be active as TO4C from **Martinique (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041, DDFM 97)** between March 26th and April 1st. Activity is usually on 80-10 meters, especially 30/17/12 meters, using SSB and RTTY. He plans to participate during the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 29-30th) as a Single-Op/All Band entry. QSL via M0OXO.

TU, COTE D'IVOIRE (Reminder/Update)

Operators Chris/F4WBN (ex-TL0A), Paul/F6EXV and Jan/DJ8NK will be active as TU5AX, TU5XV and TU5NK, respectively, for a solidarity radio operation which will take place between November 17-30th. Activity will be on SSB, CW and RTTY, with operations on 160-6 meters (including 60m). Suggested frequencies are:

CW - 1826.5, 3524, 7024, 10104, 14024, 18084, 21024, 24894 and 28024

SSB - 3799, 5371.5/5403.5, 7070, 14190, 18150, 2190, 24950 and 28490

RTTY - 7050, 10138, 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz

6m - 50104/CW and 50150/SSB

QSL via their home callsigns, by the Bureau, direct or the OQRS on Clublog. The logs for TU5NK and TU5XV will be posted on LoTW shortly after the DXpedition ends. Jan informs OPDX,

"The 3 operators will support the club station TU2CI and will leave equipment behind (radios and antennas), install it and train the local operators to use it in order to revive the Abidjan radio club, and assist some local hams who have strongly suffered from the civil war that hit the country sometime ago."

The group's Web page is available at:

<http://www.premiumorange.com/tu2013>

TX5, NEW CALEDONIA (Update)

Freddy, F5IRO, continues to be active as FK8RO from Plum, **New Caledonia (OC-032, DIFO FK-001, WLOTA 1280, DDFM 988)**, until February 2014. Activity has been on 80-10 meters using mostly CW and some PSK, with a Elecraft K3 and dipoles and long wire antennas. Freddy will team up with Mic/FK8IK and Sam/FK8DD, in Noumea using the special callsign TX8B (confirmed as November 14th) for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th).

QSL TX8B via FK8DD: Box 3040 Noumea, 98846 New-Caledonia.

Sometime after the contest, Freddy and Mic are looking into possibly activating some FK IOTAs. Look for details to be posted on QRZ.com and Freddy's Blog page at:

<http://j28ro.blogspot.com>

Also, watch Sam's Web page at:

<http://www.corail.nc/FK8DD>

QSL FK8RO via F5IRO, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW sometime in March 2014.

V4, ST. KITTS (Update)

Tony, N3ME, reports on QRZ.com:

"Originally licensed as V47AJ in 1999 and pleased to be returning to St. Kitts (NA-104) again on January 21, 2014, for a one month vacation and holiday style operation. Our son, Bernie (W3UR) and his wife, Becky, our daughter, Kristina, and her husband Dan will be with us for part of our vacation. We will use my Elecraft K3 on 160 through 10 meters via CW, RTTY and SSB with heavy emphasis on RTTY, and I plan to operate in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest in February. QSL via Bureau, direct (please include return envelope & postage), or LoTW. Please be patient, if QSLing direct as QSL will be ordered upon return as we will take pictures for the card while in St. Kitts."

XR0, JUAN FERNANDEZ

The XR0ZR DXpedition continues from [Robinson Crusoe Island \(SA-005, DICE ICE-004, WLOTA 0153, WWFF CEFF-003\)](#) until November 20th. Activity has been on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via IV3DSH, direct or by the Bureau. ClubLog's OQRS is available (preferred QSLing). Log will be uploaded to LoTW after 6 months. The log shows as of 1106z, November 17th, that they have worked a total of 44743 QSOs and 14511 Unique Callsigns. Breakdown is 18148/CW, 22011/SSB, 4581/RTTY and 3/PSK. Breakdown by Continent is 192/AF, 2/AN, 7360/AS, 8848/EU, 26733/NA, 442/OC and 1166/SA. For more details, visit the XR0ZR Web page or the following media links at:

Website : <http://www.juanfernandez2013.com>

FaceBook : <https://www.facebook.com/groups/xr0zr/>

Twitter : @xr0zr

XT2/XT26, BURKINA FASO (Reminder)

Operators David/OK6DJ and Petr/OK1FCJ will be active as XT26DJ and XT2FCJ between November 17-26th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters including the 30/17/12 meters using CW and SSB. They also will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as XT2FCJ. Their set up will be Elecraft K3 and Kenwood TS-480 into a Spiderbeam antenna (20/15/10m - including the WARC), a vertical (40-10m), 80m dipole and LW for 160m. QSL via OK6DJ for both callsigns. QSL methods are: the ClubLog OQRS (for LoTW - confirmed every day), direct (minimum 2 USDs or new IRC (accepted IRC that expire in 2017; QSO confirmed to LoTW every day), OQRS by the Bureau, LoTW and eQSL (confirmed 6 months) and paper QSL via the Bureau (confirmed 12 months). Their Web page is now available, at:

<http://www.mdxc.org/burkinafaso2013>

XV, VIETNAM

Ishida, JA4AGA, who is part of the XV2V40J team to commemorate 40 years of the Japan-Vietnam establishment of diplomatic relations (QSL via JF1HJZ), was heard active as XV2AG. He plans to be active until November 30th. QSL via his home callsign.

XZ, MYANMAR (Update)

By the time you read this, Zorro, JH1AJT, and a group of operators should be on the air as XZ1J from Nay Pyi Taw until November 26th. This will be the third and final run for 2013 from XZ-land. They plan to set up three to four stations, run 24/7 on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL: OQRS preferable. The XZ1J Web site is available at:

<http://www.xz1j.org>

One of the operators, Dave, K3LP, has also set up a Web page at:

http://www.k3lp.com/xz1j_2013.htm

There is also a live streaming or recorded broadcast of the operation available at:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/jookgroo>

YL95, LATVIA (Special Prefix)

In honor of the 95th anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Latvia in November and December 2013, members of the Latvian Contest Club will use the special prefix YL95. Expect YL95AIW, YL95AJA, YL95CI, YL95CW, YL95DQ, YL95DW, YL95GQT, YL95GY, YL95KF, YL95KL and YL95UI to be on the bands. For QSL info, follow the operators' instructions, but in most of cases use LoTW, eQSL, by the Bureau or direct to their home callsign is OK.

YN, NICARAGUA (Update)

Mike, AJ9C, will once again be active as YN2CC from Granada, Nicaragua, between November 19-27th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Also, Mike will be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW or direct and by the Bureau to his home callsign. He will activate an OQRS on ClubLog.

Z8, SOUTH SUDAN (Press Release by OH2BH; dated November 12th) [edited]:

"THE Z81X GROUP IS DEPARTING TODAY, WEDNESDAY AT 1100 UTC -- The group consists of DL3DXX, N7NG, PB2T, OH0XX, OH2BH, OH2PM and OH6KN. Upon their arrival they will team up with Z81B and Z81D and start doing two projects simultaneously. They will set up their low-band antenna field and start a series of workshops for the government of South Sudan. At least on one station should be operational by late Friday evening.

Their selected low-band operating frequencies are 1826.5 KHz and 3523 KHz. On the other house-hold bands 7 MHz thru 28 MHz you can find them at suitable portions of those bands. Check Internet spotting for current frequencies. As the operation will be running for two-weeks, SSB operation on low-bands will come

on-line later during the stay – specifically during the 2nd weekend with CQWW on CW. During the contest there may be as many as three single- band stations activated. OQRS is functional at Z81X at QRZ.com. All support for the high freight cost of the equipment will be highly appreciated. Z81X via OH0XX."

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLAND

Franz, OE2SNL, will be active as ZL7/OE2SNL from **Chatham Island (OC-038)** between March 13-26th (2014). Activity will be on 80-10 meters, using CW and with a focus on RTTY. QSL via OE2SNL. For more QSL details, see

www.zl7.oe2snl.at and/or www.oe2snl.at



Additional Bulletin for OPDX InterNet Subscribers



From : UT7FP contest@ut7fp.kiev.ua

Subject : 8th EPC BPSK63 QSO Party 2013

Dear Fellow Radio Amateurs,

The European PSK Club has the honour to invite the radio amateurs all over the world to participate in the 8th EPC BSK63 QSO Party 2013. The objective of the competition is to establish as many contacts as possible between radio amateurs around the world by using the BPSK63 mode. Every- body can work everybody for QSO and multiplier credit. The Contest is annually held at the third weekend in November on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters bands.

Starting time is at 00:00 UTC, and ending time is at 24:00 UTC on Sunday 17 November, 2013.

There are no separate entrant categories in the competition; all participants work as SINGLE-OP ALL (Single Operator - All Bands). All stations at which one performs do all of the operating, logging, and spotting functions. Only one signal is allowed at any one time. The operator may change bands at any time. The output power shall not exceed 100 watts.

EPC members should send signal report plus EPC membership number (example – 599 EPC00001). Please make sure that you don't separate «EPC» from the «Number», and you don't use any characters between. Please make sure that your EPC number consists of 5 digits. Other stations should send signal report plus QSO number, starting 001 (example – 599 001).

First, second and third place certificates will be awarded in the World and every continent. First place certificates will be awarded in every participating DXCC country. All scores will be published on the EPC website. All certificates will be issued to the licensee of the station used. All certificates will be issued in a PDF format. If you are interested in sponsoring a special trophy for the EPC BPSK63 QSO Party, please contact the Committee.

The required MixW contest setup files for easy and correct operation in the event are listed at

website: <http://www.digitalrus.ru> All logs must be sent no later than 5 days after the contest (23:59 UTC 22 November 2013). You should send your log upload via the Web interface:

http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en

EPC BPSK63 QSO Party 2013 Rules:

http://www.epc-ru.ru/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1434&Itemid=83

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